Topic Name (Instant Poll): Rockville Destinations

Idea Title: Parks or Recreation Sites

Number of Seconds 10

Idea Title: Retail

Number of Seconds 9

Idea Title: Restaurants or Bars

Number of Seconds 8

Idea Title: Housing (all, including detached homes, apartments, townhouses, etc.)

Number of Seconds 6

Idea Title: Office

Number of Seconds 3

Idea Title: Other (please describe in the comments, below)

Number of Seconds 2

Idea Title: Industrial or Manufacturing Businesses

Number of Seconds 1

Idea Title: None of the above

Number of Seconds 0

Comments

Number of Comments 14

Comment 1: I'd like to see our Saturday farmers market expanded from the small parking lot that it now occupies. Our farmers market is okay. We make it a point to go there every

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weekend, but it could be so much better! Why not take it to the next level and close off traffic (pedestrians only) along Maryland Avenue from Veirs Mill to E. Middle Lane? Silver Spring farmers market does this down their street and it works beautifully. Doing this in Rockville would bring more people into Town Center and we could expand the market along Washington Street behind the gazebo stage to bring in more types of vendors. I think the city would have to dedicate someone on staff part time to the farmers market to really make it shine. | By Clark R

Comment 2: More affordable housing so that the lower-wage folks working in Rockville could live here. More incentivized office space to attract more startups. Both of these would help lower the average age of our population. | By Ann S

Comment 3: I loved the mixed use community that is Rockville Town Square (even if I never go there because I have issues with your parking). I think mixed use communities offer the best combination of work, play, and live. | By Deanna S

Comment 4: Would have LOVED to see the old Giant site used for a hardware store; building site and parking already there, and convenient, but I don't think it was ever considered. :-(Not sure where one would go now - perhaps along Gude Drive? There's certainly plenty of empty space along that corridor, although it might end up competing with Fisher's. Rockville really blew a good opportunity for a hardware store, which residents have been BEGGING for for YEARS. Not a big box store, and probably not along the already-crowded Pike unless taking up a vacant space, but something more along the lines of an ACE Hardware, or Strosnider's perhaps. The only other sites I can think of are outside Rockville proper, like down along Parklawn. Is there a place for one in one of the shopping centers in Twinbrook? Behind Federal Plaza in an existing space (although I can't think of anything that's currently vacant back there)? If on the Pike, how about the now-vacant Pier One building across from Congressional? | By Deb S

Comment 5: I would like to see the Town square area to grow and expand while keeping a similar style for future buildings. also keeping parks and improving outdoor space available is important. walk-able living should be an important goal in all of this. | By Brady N

Comment 6: I would like to see more office and industrial to bring more job and increase the tax base and more specialty retail and dining. I would like to see more recreational facilities and parks to help preserve open space, a dog park closer to town center would be appreciated. I believe we already have too much chain retail stores and too much residential. | By R K

Comment 7: RE- Hardware store- Perhaps the city of Rockville could implement a tool lending library in the town center. These are growing across the US and encourage civic engagement and greener living. http://www.rtcentralohio.org/tool-library/ http://stationnorthtoollibrary.org/

By Leah W

Comment 8: Totally agree re the hardware store. I would also love a book store/café/coffee-wine bar/ We need a place for music - maybe an amphitheater - and lots more gathering and green space .Like a Village Green. After this incredibly well done and fun HTH Weekend - it was clear we need more green places to sit and chill. | By Bridget N

Comment 9: Rockville could use a good gay bar. | By Ken S

Comment 10: I was just at Hardware City in Kensington and I think it would be wonderful to have a hardware store like that in Town Center. imagine being able to walk to get your home repair items without the hassle of Homeowner H-II. The store in Kensington had everything a homeowner would want plus customer service. We use to have a hardware store below Apollo Restaurant, we need one again. | By Paula C

Comment 11: Re: retail... I don't know how much say the city has in this, but I can't tell you how many times I've needed a hardware store in the Town Center area... | By John A

Comment 12: Mixed zoning- we need walkable, livable communities, not office parks segregated from shopping, which is segregated from residential communities. My biggest issue is the zoning has segregated our city- making it car dependent, and unhealthy. Please get make the STRoads of Rockville a thing of the past. | By Leah W

Comment 13: Alice, we were hoping to find out more about the interest in various land uses. Since the City does not operate bus services, it makes route choices difficult from a city planning standpoint. This is definitely something we can let the County know about, though! | By Clark L

Comment 14: more frequent public trasportation such as ride-on at glenora lane, dundee road, darnestown road close to wooton parkway, a walkable and covered stop. It is very difficult to wait during thunderstorm and snow and wind day. | By alice C